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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:
Walter Lopez was sentenced to 36 months in prison by the Honorable Chief Judge Joseph F. Bataillon, United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, following his conviction for being an illegal alien found in the U.S. following deportation. Lopez was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his release from incarceration. Lopez is a prior convicted felon for robbery and was previously deported from the United States in 2006 but reentered and was apprehended in Nebraska in October 2008 during a traffic stop by the Omaha Police Department.

Name of Defendant: Walter Lopez

AKA:

Age: 33

City of residence:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):
          Illegal Alien Found in U.S. following Deportation. Up to 20 years in prison, $250,000 fine, three years supervised release.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Omaha

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: N/A

Others Charged in Same Scheme: N/A

Relevant Dates:

        Date of Alleged Crime: October 26, 2008

        Federal Arrest Date: January 28, 2009

        Date Complaint Issued: N/A

        Indictment Returned Date: January 22, 2009

        Initial Appearance Date: January 28, 2009

        Plea or Trial and Date(s):   Plea - April 9, 2009

        Sentencing Date: July 1, 2009

        Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: January 28, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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